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Foreword

This excellent publication by Rodney Francis is well overdue. I do not know of any other publication that explains the link between our feelings of psychological security and the Holy Spirit telling us His plans and purposes, especially through Words of Knowledge, etc.

My first contact with Rodney was by email in August 2006 after I had discovered The GFM Website. I had just been completely surprised by the Lord. While in church one Sunday morning in my Anglican Church, I had been stunned, following the Lord completely enveloping me with His presence, peace and love in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

When I first wrote to Rodney, as well as trying to make sense of the Lord's manifestation to me in church that Sunday morning, I was at a crossroads: I desperately needed the Lord's guidance in the areas of ministry, marriage and occupation. With Rodney's help through this publication (in article form) and the ministry of Rodney and others, I arrived at the stunning realization that I do not need to fret about my future anymore. I realized that the Lord not only has a plan for every aspect of my life from the trivial to the big things, but that He does not intend on keeping that plan a secret! He does not want us to anxiously wander around as if we are wearing blindfolds tripping over unseen hazards. Instead, He wants us to be secure in the knowledge of what He has in store for us in our future, if we will only trust

him to implement His beautiful Promises.

Rodney's sharp thinking and clear teaching style in his replies to my emails back in 2006 are also seen in this excellent publication on how the Lord has our future all set up! In this publication, Rodney is encouraging each Christian with this question, "Why don't you seek the Lord's Mind as to what His plans are because when He begins to tell you, you will begin to feel more secure and informed about your future?"

This publication emphasizes that the Lord wants to remove our worry, replacing it instead with an indescribable peace, clarity of purpose and direction with regards to our future. This realization is one of the most powerful lessons I have learned as a Christian as it emphasizes one of the ways the Lord can remove our worry and insecurity about life's big decisions, replacing it instead with a wonderful clarity of purpose and direction. This lesson I learned through this booklet, and the Prophetic Ministry of the Holy Spirit is one of the most powerful lessons I have learned as a Christian.

If only I had discovered these principles many years ago! Although Rodney's publication was not available then, its recent publication is most timely indeed as its first version (in article form) has blessed so many people already. I think this publication is a "must read" for every person who is committing to put the Lord first in their life, and to hear His Voice. ~ **Dr. Arnold Staité** (Christchurch, New Zealand). (November 2008).

“God Wants To Set Your Future Up!” in booklet form has come about as a result of Dr. Arnold Staite sharing with me how this message has impacted his life. For too long we have relegated the importance of Spiritual Gifts to a lesser-important role. That time is now over. The Church of Jesus Christ desperately needs all that God has given to Her to be able to fulfil Her divine destiny and to set people up with a secure future in Him! My prayer is that this booklet will impact your life also, because God really does want to set your future up for you! ~ **Rodney W. Francis.**

GOD WANTS TO SET YOUR FUTURE UP!

By Rodney W. Francis

There is something about Holy Spirit Ministry that enables Christianity and the life of faith to be so much more adventurous, exciting, impacting ~ and yet increasingly secure. Far too often we are only caught up in "the moment" or "the now," rather than seeing that the Holy Spirit is interested in much more than that. He is interested in our future, and in giving us a security for that which is ahead, for those who will obey Him. In 2001 the Holy Spirit encouraged me to continue ministering to people through Spiritual Gifts, and especially the Word of Knowledge (1 Corinthians 12:1-11). He said to me: ***"If you will continue to minister to people through the Word of Knowledge, I will set your future up for you. In the past you have not realized the significance of what you were doing when you gave Words of Knowledge to people. But I want you to know that I have used them to open doors of ministry to you. Your obedience in exercising Spiritual Gifts has untied My hands to set your future up for you!"*** I began to remember certain Prophetic Words I had given to people in times past and I saw how God had used them to open doors

and nations up to me.

- He reminded me that a word I had given to a woman in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, in 1994, had opened the door for me to go to Bougainville in 1998. The word was that the woman had a wounded spirit and the Lord had sent me to Port Moresby to bring healing to her. She was instantly healed! As a result of that healing, four years later I was asked to go to Bougainville to bring healing to the Christians of that island that had been in civil war for nine years. I went, and there we saw a wonderful breakthrough in the lives of a number of Pastors and the people. Forgiveness and healings took place in a beautiful way, and numbers of backsliders were sovereignly drawn by the Holy Spirit to a Pastors Conference and came back to the Lord.
- A Word of Knowledge on what to speak in one meeting at a Ministers' and Missionaries Conference in Columbus, Georgia, USA, in 1995, opened the door for me to be the main Conference speaker in Enterprise, Alabama, USA, two years later. In that meeting I gave Words of Knowledge to several international speakers, which amazed them. They told me afterwards that even though they ministered to thousands of people around the world, I was the first person to minister to them!
- A Word of Knowledge given to an Italian man in York, England, in 2000, opened the door for me to minister

at a Pastors and Leaders Conference in Italy in 2001. That man took a copy of my **“School Of The Holy Spirit”** manual to Italy, translated it then printed it in the Italian language. I have ministered in Italy on a number of occasions since then and now have several books printed in Italian.

- A Word of Knowledge given in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, South Pacific, in 2001, opened a new door for me to preach in Nausori, Fiji Islands, in 2002.
- A Word of Knowledge given in Seattle, USA, in 1995, opened the door for me to minister in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, in 2002.
- A Word of Knowledge given to a young man in Holyhead, North Wales, that God was calling him into ministry and that he would pastor his own church, opened the door for me to minister on Isle of Man, United Kingdom, in 2006. The word was fulfilled and the man is currently pastoring at Isle of Man. He has also conducted three different **“Schools Of The Holy Spirit”** there using my manual of the same name.

Since then I have observed how God has been setting my future up for me, as we have many examples of the Lord opening new doors of opportunity as a direct result of functioning in Spiritual Gifts. Spiritual Gifts are “people openers,” in that they impact people in a God-moment of time, and they are also “door openers” to extend our ministry in the Kingdom of God! To become aware of

these “openings” and God’s “bigger picture” for my life has been ~ and is indeed ~ very exciting! God has a greater purpose than the Gifts of the Holy Spirit being ministered in a meeting, or wherever. Because they are of the Eternal Spirit of God, the delivery of the gifts is actually the beginning, or a connection, of that which God is desiring to do in and through that person’s life. Unfortunately we too often only live for “the moment,” while God has eternity’s purposes in mind.

God Knew What He Was Doing When He Gave Us The Nine Beautiful Gifts Of The Holy Spirit!

We have discovered the life of faith to be very secure as we continue to obey the promptings and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to minister His gifts to the people. **God certainly knew what He was doing when He gave us the nine beautiful Gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is so much more to them than we have realized. We miss out on so much of God’s purposes when we ignore or neglect the importance of them.** According to 1 Corinthians 12:7-10, ***“the manifestation*** (Greek word is “phanerosis” meaning “exhibition, i.e. figuratively expression” – Strong’s; “a making known, manifesting” – Bullinger’s) ***of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit*** (“sumphero” meaning “advantage, be better for” – Strong’s) ***of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to***

another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.” The Amplified Bible states it this way: ***“But to each one is given the manifestation of the [Holy] Spirit [the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit] for good and profit.”*** “The Message” Bible says: ***“Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful: wise counsel
clear understanding
simple trust
healing the sick
miraculous acts
proclamation
distinguishing between spirits
tongues
interpretation of tongues”*** (1 Corinthians 12:7-10).

- **When the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are functioning then we all gain something from God that is for our good and our profit.**

“Neglect not (“amaleo” meaning “not to care for, be heedless, negligent” – Bullinger’s) ***the gift that is in you, which was given you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the elders. Meditate upon***

("meletao" meaning "to care for, take care for anything, so as to be able to perform it" – Bullinger's) **these things; give yourself wholly** ("eimi en" meaning "completely, exclusively") **to them; that your profiting** ("prokope" meaning "a cutting down of impediments that are in one's way; hence, progress, a going forward, advancement" – Bullinger's) **may be seen by all**" (1 Timothy 4:14-15).

The New American Standard Bible says to be "**absorbed**" in these things. To be "absorbed" with something means "to engage or occupy (the interest, attention, or time); engross; to receive or take in (the energy of an impact); to take in, or assimilate; incorporate" (Collins).

The New Revised Standard Version says: "**Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.**" We must get involved with exercising Spiritual Gifts if we ~ and others ~ are to gain the God-given benefits of them.

Let us stop and ask ourselves these questions:

- **Are we careless with the gift(s) of God that are already within us?**
- **Are we seeking to minister the gift(s) within us in such a way as to perform them?**
- **Are we giving ourselves completely to these gifts?**

- **Are we absorbed in them?**
- **Are we putting these gifts into practice, so that all may see our progress?**
- **If not, why not?**

Do we not see that they hold the key to our own forward progress in the purposes of God?? The receivers benefit, and so do the users (exercisers) of these precious gifts ~ when they are exercised in a loving and edifying way.

- **Spiritual Gifts are like keys in that they open up ~ and unlock ~ situations for us in the spirit realm to enable us to walk into our future in the will of God!**

God Wants To Set Your Future Up!

GOD wants to set your future up for you! I now know that one of the more powerful ways He does that is in our faithfulness in using that which He has already given us ~ the Spiritual Gifts. There is now a greater inner knowing, a greater inner joy, a greater inner security, a greater inner understanding that I am an ambassador of Jesus Christ ~ **one who has already been given power and authority to speak and act on behalf of the King of the Kingdom of Heaven!**

- **So let us speak and act on His behalf!**
- **Let us do it as people who know who we are, who know what we have been given, and who know what God has invested in us!** (We are not “accidents going somewhere to happen”)!

Now, for me, part of the joy of ministering in the Word of Knowledge and other Spiritual Gifts to people, is to observe what God is going to bring forth from it for my own future. In the past the emphasis has been on my being able to bless the recipient. That still is my emphasis, **but I now know there is a bigger purpose, a bigger picture as far as God is concerned.** It is therefore not surprising that the devil has been quite successful in muzzling the operation of Spiritual Gifts amongst the Christians. He knows that the Church can never come to full maturity without them, **and the Christians miss out so much on securing their future through lack of those Spiritual Gifts being exercised.**

- **This a day when every Holy Spirit-filled Church and Christian believer needs to get serious about exercising Spiritual Gifts.**
- **There is a connection between the operation of Spiritual Gifts and our future security!**

The Scripture urges us to “earnestly desire” these gifts! That is that we desire earnestly and seek them in such a way that they can be functioning through

us to bless and impact others! It means we are to be very serious about our approach, our seeking and our exercising the Spiritual Gifts! There is no substitute, and every church needs them (see 1 Corinthians chapters 12 to 14). It is time to do away with weak, negative excuses as to why they are not encouraged, and not in evidence in our churches, and to recognize that God never gives us anything that is not important.

- **Let us be reminded that it was God Himself Who gave Spiritual Gifts to the Church!**
- **Spiritual Gifts are God's idea!**
- **They are far more important than we have generally realized!**

Spiritual Gifts are not in the "take it or leave it" category. They are God's gifts to the Holy Spirit-filled believer to function to the glory of God. The needs of the people will never be fully met by preaching, praying and meetings alone. There has to be the dimension of the Holy Spirit released to build the body of Christ up.

- **The true operation of the Spiritual Gifts really builds people up, because they bring confirmation, wisdom, revelation, understanding, guidance, breakthroughs, healings and miracles into our lives. They reveal God's heart that He is for us, and that He wants the very best for us! All these things bring a greater security into our lives for our future!**

Tragically, far too often, these things are missing from the lives of numbers of Christians, including Pentecostal believers (those who profess to be filled/baptized with the Holy Spirit). Let us face up to the fact that God has given the Holy Spirit Gifts to build, mature and extend the Kingdom of God here on earth! In recent years I have had the joy of giving Words of Knowledge to non-Christians and within 24 hours they are born-again by the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit enables us to get right to the core of the heart and being of people, so that they are left dealing with God rather than some words we have tried to convince them with.

Every Christian Desires A Secure Future!

Every Christian desires a secure future! Especially is this so in today's world where events are happening at such an alarming rate, and so much uncertainty and vulnerability abounds. It is therefore very important that every person reading this booklet knows a personal experience of being born-again by the Holy Spirit; knows Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour, Friend and Lord; knows the experience of being baptized in water by full immersion; and is filled with the Holy Spirit, which is power for the service of God (this is usually accompanied by an ability to speak in the Spirit language, commonly known as speaking in tongues. This Spirit language enables us to build ourselves up in faith (see Jude 20-21), and brings an ability to better hear the voice

of God in our lives). If you have not as yet fulfilled the above, let me encourage you to seek out a Holy Spirit-filled Christian Minister or Believer, and ask them to help you to know Jesus better.

So, what is the Christian answer to the calamities in the world today? Our calling remains the same as it has always been ~ **to obey Jesus Christ:**

- ***“Whatever He tells you to do, do it”*** (John 2:5).

The Holy Spirit has been sent to us so we can do just that. We need to consciously yield ourselves more and more to Him. Jesus Christ is alive from the dead! He lives today and speaks to His own.

- ***Whatever He speaks is the very truth!***
- ***Whatever He speaks to you is exactly right for you!***
- ***He is speaking all the time, but are we listening?***
- ***Are we hearing?***
- ***Are we obeying what He says?***

I now know the Holy Spirit is setting my future up for me as I continue to obey Him in the exercising of Spiritual Gifts and loving people. This has given me a whole new sense of security, knowing that God is vitally interested in me as well as my future. But more than that, He is

totally committed to me and I am committed to Him. Now, that is real security!

Let Him set your future up for you, in a way that you are very conscious of what He is doing! Step out of your boat ~ your comfort zone ~ and step out to where Jesus is calling you. Your action in doing that is called **faith, and faith is simply being obedient to whatever Jesus asks of you. When you do that, He is pleased, and it releases Him to set your future up for you. There can be no greater security in life than that which God sets up for us, and to know that it is indeed God Who has done it!**

- **But it takes our obedience to what He says to untie His hands to do it!**

God bless you!

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